



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5093**

LCO No. 2662

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE TO THE UNEARNED INCOME  
DISREGARD FOR STATE SUPPLEMENT RECIPIENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-106 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) On July 1, 1985, the Commissioner of Social Services shall  
4 increase the adult payment standards for the state supplement to the  
5 federal Supplemental Security Income Program by four and  
6 three-tenths per cent over the standards for the fiscal year ending June  
7 30, 1985, provided the commissioner shall apply the appropriate  
8 disregards. Notwithstanding the provisions of any regulation to the  
9 contrary, effective July 1, 1994, the commissioner shall reduce the  
10 appropriate unearned income disregard for recipients of the state  
11 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program by  
12 seven per cent, provided if sufficient funds are available within  
13 accounts in the Department of Social Services and are transferred to  
14 the old age assistance account, the aid to the blind account and the aid  
15 to the disabled account, the commissioner shall increase the unearned  
16 income disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal

17 Supplemental Security Income Program to a level not to exceed that in  
18 effect on June 30, 1994. On July 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the  
19 Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the unearned income  
20 disregard for recipients of the state supplement to the federal  
21 Supplemental Security Income Program by the percentage increase, if  
22 any, in the most recent calendar year average in the consumer price  
23 index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar  
24 year. On July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of  
25 Social Services shall increase the adult payment standards over those  
26 of the previous fiscal year for the state supplement to the federal  
27 Supplemental Security Income Program by the percentage increase, if  
28 any, in the most recent calendar year average in the consumer price  
29 index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar  
30 year, provided the annual increase, if any, shall not exceed five per  
31 cent, except that the adult payment standards for the fiscal years  
32 ending June 30, 1993, June 30, 1994, June 30, 1995, June 30, 1996, June  
33 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, June 30, 1999, June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June  
34 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, shall not be increased. Effective October 1,  
35 1991, the coverage of excess utility costs for recipients of the state  
36 supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program is  
37 eliminated.

38 (b) Effective July 1, 1998, the Commissioner of Social Services shall  
39 provide a state supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the  
40 federal supplemental security income program who reside in long-  
41 term care facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance  
42 to fifty dollars per month. Such state supplement payment shall be  
43 made to the long-term care facility to be deposited into the personal  
44 fund account of each such recipient. Effective July 1, 1999, and  
45 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase such allowance to  
46 reflect the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security income, if any.  
47 For the purposes of this subsection, "long-term care facility" means a  
48 licensed chronic and convalescent nursing home, a chronic disease  
49 hospital, a rest home with nursing supervision, an intermediate care  
50 facility for the mentally retarded or a state humane institution.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
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